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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement dated June 16, 2006, in the above-identified application, having a period for response set to expire July 16, 2006, Applicant elects congestive heart failure as the disease or condition for examination. Claims 11-13 encompass the elected invention.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests early notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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